

Grainlines

Western North Carolina Quilters Guild

Grace Lutheran Church, Thursday, February 15, 10:00 am

February 15th at 10 am, "Try Wool Applique" with Jeri Buek. This is a *workshop program*. Sign up for your free kit at the January meeting. **Due to cancellation of the Jan. guild meeting, contact Susan Trotter to reserve a kit for this workshop program.** Bring a tapestry needle and both paper and cloth scissors to the meeting.

March 22 at 10 am, Augusta Cole will be sharing quilting "Tips and Tricks." Augusta is well known for fantastic scrap quilts. She will offer an afternoon workshop on the "Cracker" block from 1 pm to 4 pm. Plan to sign up and pay for this 1/2-day a workshop: \$25.00 for members; \$35.00 for non-members. Why not invite a friend to join you for the meeting and workshop!?

April is coming! Area 9 will appreciate another evening meeting. It will be April 19, at 7 pm. The topic is "MODERN QUILTING—What's That?" Irene Grimes will lecture then give a full-day workshop, "MODERN IMPROV," on April 20, 9 am - 3 pm. The workshop will help you create four oversized modern improvisational block, suited for a lap quilt or the beginnings of a larger quilt. Workshop cost: \$40.00 for members; \$50.00 for non-members.

Program Chairs: Bonnie Lucas and Susan Trotter at 435-1567 or ringvoice@aol.com

Per Board discussion and membership approval, the Guild Yearbook (i.e., membership directory) will be available for \$3. You must request a hard copy by contacting one of the following: Elizabeth Leff: seleff@gmail.com; Bridget O'Malley: bridgetquilts@gmail.com or Jean Jones: neanie@comporium.net before February 5th. Planning is in the works for a guild website version, with password access.

Special Project Request

I am a Guild member and I was planning on making an announcement at the January meeting on behalf of the sewing internship at Safelight where I volunteer. There was a newspaper article published November 28, 2017 that describes the sewing internship at Safelight - hopefully you saw it. I have 50 copies of the article ready to give out to interested guild members at the February meeting.

We have plenty of sewing machines right now, but we desperately need 100% cotton fabric, batting, irons, thread, and fiberfill. We are making napkins, aprons, pillowcases, pillows, etc. which are sold at the Dandelion Restaurant to support the Safelight internship programs. The interns are learning and working so hard! We sold over 60 sets of napkins before Christmas so now we are really running low on fabric.

Donations can be left at the Safelight Thrift Shop next door to Dandelion in Hendersonville-just leave a note that indicates the donation goes to the sewing internship. I am willing to meet any members to pick up donations as well. My contact information: Sue Ketron, ket25@verizon.net, 301-649-6043



New Member Corner

Our Guild has been blessed over the past several years with new members joining at almost every meeting. That is great; however, the downside of that is that we often don't know who they are and they certainly don't know who we are. So, this is the beginning of a new column that will introduce one or two new members each month. If you are an "old" member, please take a moment during a meeting to introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed into our Guild family.

This month, we are introducing Amy Gillen. She is a new member but has already stepped forward to volunteer for the job of Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee along with Elizabeth Leff. And this is her very 1st Guild membership!

She is ALMOST a North Carolina native having lived in Raleigh since she was 9 years old. She moved to Etowah when her husband got transferred to this area and, thankfully, her job as a financial planner can transfer also via computer technology. She has two sons who are in Salem, Virginia, completing their education.

Amy has been a quilter for about 10 years. Her mother was a seamstress and so was/is Amy. Her very first quilt, a log cabin, was made for her mom and she has also participated in a Block of the Month at Asheville Cotton as well as making quilts for Cancer Kids at UNC @ Chapel Hill. In addition, she has made T-shirt quilts for her sons.

We welcome you, Amy, and thank you for your enthusiastic participation in the your new Guild home.

2017 Financial Reports

WNCQG Operating Account

Balance Dec. 1, 2017		\$13,583.79
Income		
Membership	1185.00	
Gift	28.00	
Scholarship Fund	60.00	
Interest	<u>0.12</u>	
Total	1273.12	
Expenses		
Storage	157.00	
Allegra Printing	27.32	
Cash for gift check	<u>28.00</u>	
Total	212.32	
Balance December 31, 2017		\$14,644.59

Scholarship Fund

Balance December 1, 2017	\$5,141.34
Deposit	<u>60.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	\$5,201.34

Library News



Additions to our guild library:

Stitched Sewing Organizers:

Pretty Cases, Boxes, Pouches, Pincushions, and More by Aneela Hoey

Quilting Arts TV 2100 series DVD

Our guild library is open before each guild meeting and during break. Books and DVDs check out for a month, but may be renewed. We have hundreds of items on both traditional and contemporary quilting, truly something for everyone.

Come check us out!

Attention NC Quilt Guild members



Registration for the 2018 North Carolina Quilt Symposium, May 31- June 3, starts with a registration form postmarked Jan. 2 or later.

Check out the Asheville Quilt Guild website (www.ashevillequiltguild.org) and click on 'Symposium' for detailed information for teachers, classes and accommodations.

Symposium this year is hosted by The Asheville Quilt Guild and The North Carolina Quilt Symposium, Inc. at the University of North Carolina Asheville.

2018 National Quilt Day Challenge

It isn't too late to begin your challenge quilt. The theme for 2018 is "Our Feline Friends". Just purchase the black \$3 Fat Quarter at the guild meeting and make a quilt of any shape with an outside perimeter of 96 inches or more.

The 2018 National Quilt Day Challenge Show will be held at the Henderson County Library in Hendersonville on Saturday, March 24, from 10 am through 3 pm. Quilts need to be turned in by the March guild meeting. Be sure to label the back of your quilt with name and telephone number.

Contacts: Margaret Wills 704-787-4099

Jeri Schneider 828-685-2994

History on the Development of the WNCQG Scholarship Fund Project

A Scholarship Fund committee of the Guild was established in 2012 and is composed of a representative from each Area. The mission was to establish a scholarship fund from which grants could be awarded to a graduating high school student from the Henderson/Transylvania County area with the goal of encouraging a new generation of potential quilters while giving back to the community that has given so much to each of us. The area was thus defined because it was manageable to administer and the overwhelming majority of our members live in these two counties. We decided that an annual grant of \$500.00 for four years plus a portable sewing machine (costing \$350.00 - \$500.00 depending on the best deal we could make) was an affordable goal. We also agreed that no scholarship would be awarded until ALL of the money to be awarded over the 4 years for an applicant was actually in hand. The same year the Guild realized an appreciable cost savings on rent when it moved to a new meeting location and thus was able to make a sizeable startup award. Since then, the scholarship committee has held sales, made raffle quilts and received an annual donation from the Guild as a line item in the budget and has been the recipient of various monetary gifts from time to time. The first recipient was awarded her initial grant in 2014 and received her last grant this year. Since then, the fund has supported two more grantees with one receiving her sewing machine and first check in 2016 and the other receiving the same in 2017.

What are the qualifications for receiving a grant? The Guidelines state that an applicant must be a resident of Henderson or Transylvania County, attending a local private or public school or established home school program, who plans to attend any university, college, trade or technical school and must provide confirmation of enrollment in such a school prior to issuance of the grant; has a passing grade point average and is interested in sewing and/or quilting. In order to receive each subsequent annual grant, the student must provide an official transcript attesting to having achieved a passing overall GPA for the current year. Application packages are sent to all of the high schools in both counties in January for distribution to interested students and are also posted on our website. The application must be accompanied by an official high school transcript, include ACT and SAT scores, two references, a letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative and a personal statement of why the applicant feels s/he merits the award of this scholarship. The cover letter to the high schools state...“Applications are open to any student who is interested in quilting and/or sewing although the student’s major interest of study may not necessarily be related. Guild members have a broad array of academic and professional backgrounds, but share a love of quilting as an avocation which we wish to encourage in each new generation.”

What is the process for selecting the winner from a field of applications? After the deadline for receiving applications (March 15th), the scholarship committee meets and each member reviews each of the application packages and ranks the applicants based on academic excellence and evidence of actual interest in sewing/quilting. In the event of two or more very strong applicants on these bases, the student’s commitment to public service is also considered, since this part of our own mission as a Guild. For each of our grantees, consensus was very easy to reach.

What is the current status of the Scholarship Project and Fund? At this time, there is \$3,366.04 in the fund. Of this total, \$2,500.00 must be retained to fund the existing awardees through their education journey for two and three years respectively. That leaves \$1,866.04 available to fund an additional applicant starting in 2018. The Project hopes to raise at least \$1,000.00 by September of this year by raffling off eight small quilted pieces and selling other items donated for direct sale by the Guild members; this would make it possible to offer a scholarship to another student in 2018.

Who are our grantees? McKenzie Crabtree, Rosman High School Class of 2014, was our first awardee. She attended Blue Ridge Community College and then transferred to Western North Carolina State College. She was an excellent academic student and a leader in many areas of extracurricular activity while in high school showing great strength and perseverance as she experienced many surgeries over the years as the result of injuries suffered in a car accident while a child. She started sewing at a young age. Leigh Ann DeVore, West Henderson High School Class of 2016, was taught to sew by her grandmother; she has won prizes at the Mountain State Fair for stuffed animals and quilts. At the top of her class and also a leader in a variety of extracurricular activities, she is a first generation college student and attends North Carolina State University pursuing her interest in science. Jessica Buckner, East Henderson High School Class of 2017, is enrolled in the nursing school at Gardner Webb College. She demonstrated both her sewing skills and sense of community by hemming all of the concert gowns for the East Henderson High School Chorus in 2014 and managed to get her CNA (certified nurses assistant) certification while still in high school.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA QUILTERS GUILD

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print clearly



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

_____ Area number (Select 0 - 1 - 2- 3 - 5 - 8 - or 9)

The *Grainlines*, the guild newsletter is available on the Guild web site, at this address: www.WesternNCQuilters.org, (the address is not case sensitive but presented this way to emphasize the correct spelling). You will be notified by e-mail when each new issue is available. If you do not have internet access, please contact the membership co-chair, Elizabeth Leff, at cell 201-826-5416 to request that a hard copy of the newsletter be mailed to you.

Dues are \$30.00 Make check payable to WNCQG

Payment by: Cash _____ or Check # _____

_____ Renewal or _____ New Member

Renewals are due by the December guild luncheon for inclusion in the 2018 Membership Directory

Return completed application and payment to:

Elizabeth Leff

591 Kelly Lane

Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

Area News

Area 1

Area Rep: Linda Gillette: cell 716-673-5950
Dottie Koopman 693-3889
When: 1st Thursday - February 1
Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church
Time: 10:00 am
Agenda: The program will be "Quick and Easy Quilts" by Valerie Lehr.

Area 2

Area Rep: Joanne Shafer: 698-2927
joannshafer@live.com
When: 2nd Wednesday - February 14
Where: Beginnings Quilt Shop
1038 Greenville Hwy, Hendersonville
Time: 2:00 pm
Agenda: This is for members without an area or current members

Area 3

Area Rep: Mary Anne Patrie: 698-6395 &
Renee Zivich: 891-9666
When: 4th Wednesday - February 28
Where: First Congregational Church
1735 - 5th Avenue W, Hendersonville
Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Agenda: We will be planning our area activities through June 2018.

Area 5

Area Rep: Linda Voltz: 884-6332
When: 3rd Tuesday - February 20
Where: Lutheran Church of the Good
Shepherd, Brevard, across from Ingles.
Time: 9:30 am
Agenda: Presentation by the Brevard Art Quilters group.

Area 8

Area Rep: Kay Thomas: 894-9502
Judy Heyward: 693-9312 &
Nelia Masiques: cell 269-330-1234
When: 4th Thursday - February 22
Where: Grace Lutheran Church
Time: 10:00 am
Agenda: TBD

Area 9

Area Rep: Ann Klimstra: 674-0686 or
annklimstra@gmail.com
When: 1st Wednesday - February 7
Where: Jackson Park/Henderson Co. Ext. Office
Time: 6:00 pm
Agenda: Call rep.

Events of Interest

January 26 & 27, Statesville, NC: The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza; Statesville Civic Center, 300 South Center St.; Fri 9-5, Sat. 9-4; \$6 admission. Link: www.quiltersgallery.com.

March 9 & 10, Mt. Pleasant, SC: "A Celebration of Quilting," presented by Cobblestone Quilters Guild at Omar Shrine Temple Convention Center, Mt. Pleasant, SC. Link: quiltshow@cobblestonequilters.com

August 21- 24, Flat Rock, NC: The Quilt Retreat format at Bonclarken Conference Center will be a sew-on-your-own for \$15 per day. It's not too late to participate. Registrations will be taken by Jeri Schneider at jschnei2@bellsouth.net or 828-685-2994 to register. Come join in the fun!

Sunshine Report

No cards were sent for December.

Please notify Pat Yurick in person, by phone, 693-5080 or email, pnys@yahoo.com of anyone needing a card on behalf of the guild.

Note from newly appointed Donations

Coordinator and Collector of donated quilts:

Each quarter during the year we will focus on quilts for a particular charity. First two selections for charities will be: Jan.- March: baby quilts for Open Arms, to help them celebrate moving into their new home in April, preferred size 36" x 36" or 45" x 45", with satin bindings (optional, but loved by babies).

From Oct. - Dec. 1: cradle quilts to go with Apple Country Woodcrafters doll cradles: quilt size, 18" square...can never have too many.

Other suggestions for April - June, and July-Sept. are: juvenile quilts for Safelight; caddies for walkers; placemats for Meals on Wheels.

I welcome your suggestions.

Linda Gillette at lgillette@netsync.net.



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 Hendersonville, NC 28793-2231

February

Mailing Address Label

FIRST CLASS MAIL
DATED MATERIAL

		<h2>February 2018</h2>						
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25	26	27	28 Area 3					